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State Board of Psychology

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Quick look...

- The Ohio State Board of Psychology licenses about 4,600 psychologists and behavior analysts.
- The Board is governed by ten members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board is entirely supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- Appropriations total about \$1.5 million over the biennium.

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 882609, Operating Expenses					
\$632,335	\$652,948	\$702,994	\$628,150	\$747,489	\$757,489
% change	3.3%	7.7%	-10.6%	19.0%	1.3%

Agency overview

The Ohio State Board of Psychology was established in 1972. Currently, the Board is responsible for licensing psychologists and school psychologists who engage in private practice outside of school-based settings.¹ The Board also certifies applied behavior analysts. The Board establishes standards of practice, education, pre-professional training, and examination for psychologists, school psychologists, and applied behavior analysts. The Board also investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among licensees and certificate holders. About 4,600 licenses and certificates, not including temporary licenses, issued by the Board were active at the end of FY 2022.

The Board’s governing authority consists of ten members appointed by the Governor, including six psychologists or school psychologists, one certified Ohio behavior analyst, and three patient advocates who are either parents or relatives of a recipient of mental health services or representatives of organizations that represent recipients of mental health services. In addition to travel reimbursement, board members also receive a per diem for conducting official board business.

The Board’s daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the ten-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board typically has

¹ School psychologists who practice only in school-based settings are currently regulated by the Department of Education. However, H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly requires the State Board of Education and the Psychology Board to transition this license to the Psychology Board by January 1, 2025.

five full-time staff members. The Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) money; it is entirely supported by fees.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

The Board's operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 882609, Operating Expenses. The budget appropriates \$747,489 in FY 2024 and \$757,489 in FY 2025.